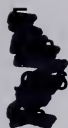


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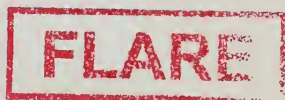
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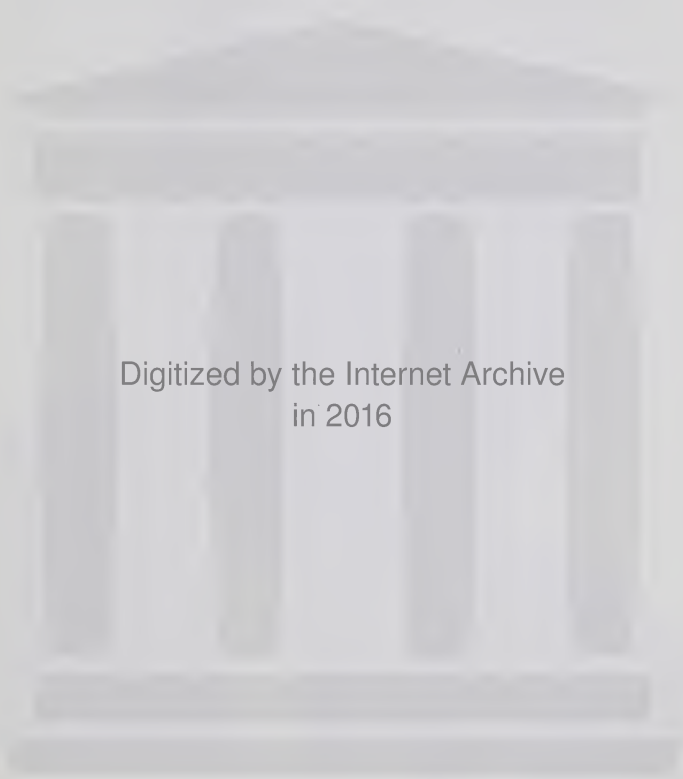


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Biography

ROBERT JAMES CORBETT was born in Avalon (Pittsburgh), Pa., August 25, 1905; attended the public schools; was graduated from Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa., in 1927 and from the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1929; senior high-school instructor at Coraopolis, Pa., 1929-38; instructor in the Pittsburgh (Pa.) Academy Evening School in 1938; elected as a Republican to the 76th Congress (Jan. 3, 1939-Jan. 3, 1941); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1940 to the 77th Congress; served on the staff of Senator James J. Davis in Pittsburgh; sheriff of Allegheny County, Pa., 1942-44; elected to the 79th and to the 13 succeeding Congresses and served from January 3, 1945, until his death in Pittsburgh, Pa., April 25, 1971; interment in Union Dale Cemetery.

MEMORIAL SERVICES
FOR
ROBERT J. CORBETT

Proceedings in the House

MONDAY, April 26, 1971.

The House met at 12 o'clock noon.

The Chaplain, Rev. Edward G. Latch, D.D., offered the following prayer:

If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.—
Mark 9: 23.

We offer Thee our gratitude, our Father, for the arrival of another day praying that it may be glorious with Thy presence and for the coming of another week praying that it may witness good work done for Thee and for our Nation.

With Thy gifts of love and joy grant unto us also a measure of discontent that we may never rest until justice is done and peace has come. Keep us restless until the hungry are fed, the jobless find work, and children and youth secure a sound education. Thus may we be true Americans and faithful children of Thine.

We mourn the passing of our beloved colleague, ROBERT J. CORBETT, who served his Nation in this body so long, so faithfully, and so well. May Thy blessing rest upon his family, giving them strength now and for the days that lie ahead.

In the name of Him who is the resurrection and the life we pray.
Amen.

Mr. SAYLOR. Mr. Speaker and my colleagues in the House, it is with profound sadness in my heart that I announce to the Members the passing of ROBERT J. CORBETT, who represented the 18th District of Pennsylvania.

BOB CORBETT was the dean of the Pennsylvania delegation and has served his constituents faithfully and well since 1938 when he was first elected to the 76th Congress. His passing leaves a void in the hearts and the ranks of the Pennsylvania delegation and the people of Allegheny County whom he represented.

He was the ranking Republican on the Post Office and Civil Service Committee and was recognized not only in Pennsylvania but also throughout the country as an authority on postal matters and on civil service affairs.

It is rather unusual that his brother died just a little over a week ago. It was at the service being conducted for his brother that he became ill, was taken to the hospital and went into a coma, from which he never recovered.

I remember our colleague most vividly, not as the senior member of the Pennsylvania delegation, nor as the ranking Republican on the Post Office and Civil Service Committee, but as the man who took me aside after I was sworn in as a new Member of Congress in 1949, and counseled me on the ways of the House, the ways of being a Congressman, and the ways of best serving one's constituency. I have followed his advice to this day.

Mr. Speaker, BOB CORBETT has gone to his reward; the Nation, Pennsylvania, his district, the House of Representatives, and the Republican Party—this is the order he viewed his responsibilities—have lost an uncommon man. He was in large sense, exactly what his campaign posters read:

He is a good Congressman.

From his entrance into politics as one of the originators of the Young Republicans in Allegheny County and through his rise to leadership in the House of Representatives and the Republican Party, BOB CORBETT never forgot his primary duty to represent his constituents. He served them, not as a Republican, but as their Representative.

There are not many who remember that Congressman CORBETT was the first of our colleagues to use a public opinion poll in a con-

gressional district. At the time, in 1938; he was roundly accused of playing a political trick but he knew different. Many scoffed at the innovation—not BOB CORBETT. He listened to those results and was influenced, but, and this is the critical difference between the led and the leader, BOB CORBETT was also guided by the sage counsel of Edmund Burke who taught us:

Your representative owes you, not his industry only, but his judgment; and he betrays instead of serving you, if he sacrifices it to your opinion.

One more indicator of BOB's guiding philosophy can be found in an article he wrote entitled, "What I Believe About Jesus Christ." In that beautiful essay, he said:

For the Christian as a guide to his religious and social behavior nothing can be more significant than Christ's own words, "I am the way". It is the signpost pointing to a constantly improving life on earth and the hope for eternal satisfactions. For the non-Christian we can only preach and pray to the end that they will eventually at least agree that as a proper guide for human behavior that His is "the way."

Mr. Speaker, I believe BOB CORBETT would like to be remembered as a fair man who tried to do his very best; a man of keen wit and intelligence who enjoyed helping anyone who needed help. BOB CORBETT was also a man who was a staunch advocate of the virtues of being brief. So I shall be also.

I have lost a warm, considerate friend. One that will not be replaced.

On behalf of the Speaker and on behalf of the Members of the House, I extend our profound sympathy to his wife, Ruthe, and daughter, Mrs. Donald F. Dunbar, to his sister, Mrs. Doris Thompson, and to his grandchildren, Robert James and Laurie Craig.

I wish to inform the Members that Mr. CORBETT's body will lie in state at the McDonald-Linn Funeral Home at Lincoln Avenue, Bellevue, Pittsburgh, this afternoon from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9 o'clock this evening. Services will be held on Tuesday evening in the funeral home. Private interment will follow on Wednesday. Transportation will be provided for the Members of Congress who wish to attend the services in Pittsburgh, leaving the House steps at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday. Those who desire to go should see the Sergeant at Arms.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that contributions be made to the Suburban General Hospital, Pittsburgh.

Mr. BOGGS. Mr. Speaker, I was shocked, as I am sure my colleagues were, to hear on the radio last evening of the sudden death of our colleague. I knew, of course, that he had borne illness for many years, diabetes and other illnesses, none of which he complained about. He did his work well and faithfully, and I was not prepared to learn of his sudden passing.

Mr. Speaker, BOB CORBETT and I came to the Congress at about the same time. I knew him well. I shared the universal affection that Members of this body had for him. He was a Member's Member in that he was always considerate of the other Members of this body regardless of what side of the aisle they sat on. He was faithful in his committee work and devoted to helping people who work for the Government and others who come before the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service. I shall miss him, and I know that my colleagues will miss him. He leaves a monument of dedicated service to his district, his State, and his Nation.

Mr. GERALD R. FORD. Mr. Speaker, I was shocked to receive a telephone call Sunday morning, informing me of BOB CORBETT's passing. We had all known he was not in the best of health, but BOB was not a complainer. He carried on in his duties as a Member of the House to the best of his ability despite a persistent physical disability. In the years that I served in the House with BOB CORBETT, I was always impressed by his great understanding of the problems of Government employees. He was especially sympathetic to the requests of those who worked for the Post Office Department. BOB CORBETT served for many years on the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, gradually reaching the pinnacle on our side of the aisle. He performed his duties as the senior Republican on that committee in a most exemplary way. BOB CORBETT broadened his responsibilities as a Member of the House several years ago when he was appointed a member of the House Committee on Armed Services. His service there was constructive and helpful. This year when we organized the Congress, BOB realized his health would not permit his continued service on two major committees. As a consequence, he left the Committee on Armed Services so he could devote his time and attention to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

Mr. Speaker, all of us in the House have lost a fine friend with the

death of our colleague, BOB CORBETT, but the little people of America and the handicapped have lost a champion.

In eulogizing BOB CORBETT, we can talk about the fact that he was the third-ranking House Republican in terms of seniority and the fact he was senior Republican on the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee.

But what BOB would most like to be remembered for is what he did for the little people of this country, particularly the blind.

BOB CORBETT sponsored many bills over the years to assist the blind and the handicapped.

In his capacity as a member of the Post Office and Civil Service Committee BOB won preferential mail treatment for tape and recordings for the blind—handling of them at minimal cost. He also saw to it that special library materials for the blind were made available from the Library of Congress. And in 1964 he sponsored white cane safety legislation which culminated in the white cane fund-raising efforts engaged in annually by the Kiwanis Clubs throughout the country.

BOB also was proud of the manner in which he served his constituents. Not only did he answer every piece of constituent mail that came to his office, but he also sent out two questionnaires a year and kept closely in touch with his district. BOB CORBETT, in fact, could be said to have developed the congressional questionnaire.

When BOB CORBETT first was elected to Congress in 1938, opinion polling was in its infancy. BOB quickly adopted this technique, with the theory that it was more important what his constituents thought than what he thought.

BOB CORBETT was not only devoted to his constituents but also to his friends. He gave his loyalty completely to those he liked and trusted.

BOB CORBETT was in his 15th term in the House. In effect, he gave his life to this House. His congressional service was the high point of a career during which he was a high school teacher, publisher and editor of the North Pittsburgh Times, and the sheriff of Allegheny County, Pa.

We shall all miss BOB CORBETT, humanitarian and loyal friend. My wife, Betty, and I extend our condolences to his wife, Ruthe, and daughter, Sally.

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, I learned yesterday with profound shock of the death of my longtime friend and colleague, ROBERT J. CORBETT. I join with the distinguished gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. Saylor) and his colleagues from Pennsylvania and other Members of the House, in the tributes being paid to his life and service.

I have known personally and well BOB CORBETT ever since I became a Member of the House. We served together during the early years of my membership in this body on the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service. BOB devoted most of his congressional service to that great committee. He has been its ranking member for many years. Much of the landmark postal and civil service legislation on the statute books has been enacted during his membership. His fingerprints are on every postal and civil service law enacted during the past quarter of a century.

BOB CORBETT was a fine, considerate, and gentle man. He was a devoted friend, husband, and father.

He was a distinguished legislator. He was constructive and progressive, and he approached every problem with careful consideration, measured by the national interest in the broadest sense of the term.

I shall miss this good man, this pleasant, decent colleague with whom I have conversed so many times during my service in the House. We have discussed many problems, never once on the basis that he was a Republican and I a Democrat.

We have lost a strong and solid figure in this House. The great Pittsburgh area has lost a man who knew and understood its problems. Our country has lost an able, contributing, and distinguished public servant.

Mrs. Albert and I extend to Mrs. Corbett and their daughter and the host of friends and loved ones our deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

Mr. ARENDS. Mr. Speaker, nothing I can possibly say will adequately express the loss we have suffered with the passing of BOB CORBETT. We have lost one of our most distinguished colleagues and one of our ablest legislators. His contribution to the work of the Congress is beyond measure.

BOB first came to Congress in 1939. He was out of Congress for 4 years, returning in 1945 and serving continuously since. While he is best known for his work on the Post Office and Civil Service Com-

mittee, where he was ranking minority member, he played a vitally important part in connection with many legislative issues that came before us during his 15 terms in the House.

BOB CORBETT was a very good friend of mine. I will miss him greatly. To his family I extend my sincere sympathy.

Mr. MORGAN. Mr. Speaker, all of us have been saddened by the death of our colleague BOB CORBETT who passed away yesterday at the age of 66.

Although he had not been in good health in recent years, he had continued to serve the people of his district actively and with distinction to the last.

BOB CORBETT's passing will be felt by us all but particularly by the thousands of civil service and post office personnel who benefited from the wisdom and sympathetic consideration which he always manifested toward them during his long service as a member of the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service. He served as ranking minority member of that committee during recent years and played an active and influential role in its deliberations.

Those of us from the State of Pennsylvania are particularly conscious of the loss we have sustained. He was dean of the Pennsylvania delegation. We all recognized the wisdom which he had acquired during his 28 years of service in the House and we looked to him for guidance.

BOB CORBETT had a warm and friendly personality. He liked people. He liked his colleagues here in the House and we always found him to be a good companion. He also liked and took a deepseated interest in less fortunate people and was active in programs to improve their conditions.

It is hard to realize that he is no longer with us. All of us will miss him as a friend. It will take some time for the House to make the readjustments necessary because of his passing.

I especially want to extend my sympathy to his widow and his children. They can be comforted by the knowledge that he rendered outstanding service to his country during his long and distinguished career.

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, in the death of the Honorable ROBERT J. CORBETT yesterday morning, the Nation lost a dedicated public servant, the people of the 18th Congressional District of

Pennsylvania lost an outstanding Representative, and all of us lost a wonderful colleague.

I was born in that portion of Allegheny County which BOB so ably represented as the little man's Congressman. I know from this familiarity with the area and with BOB that he deserved that title, just as he deserved the loyalty he received from his constituency, which returned him to the Congress as their Representative for 28 years.

As dean of the Pennsylvania congressional delegation and ranking Republican on the Post Office and Civil Service Committee, BOB was an able, tough, and effective leader. His well-known concern for the little man, for the blind, the infirm, and others deserving special attention, most clearly demonstrated him as the compassionate human being he was.

I will miss BOB, as I know we all will, and I take this moment to extend my heartfelt sympathy to his wife, Ruthe, and to his daughter, Sally.

Mr. DULSKI. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Pennsylvania for yielding to me. I was shocked to learn of the passing of my very close friend and colleague, the Honorable ROBERT J. CORBETT.

BOB CORBETT was one of the best liked and most respected members of the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, which I have the honor to chair.

When I came to Congress in 1959 and was assigned to the committee, BOB CORBETT was the first member of the committee I had the pleasure to meet. I recall how he graciously welcomed me and arranged to introduce me to the then ranking minority member, the late Edward H. Rees, of Kansas.

In the following Congress, beginning in 1961, BOB became the ranking member of our committee and I know of no member who has been more cooperative and understanding in dealing with the complex matters which come before our committee.

He had an understanding and an interest in the issues dealing with the postal services and Federal employment.

Over the years, his strong concern and the area where he felt he made his greatest contribution was in developing a sound and workable retirement system for employees of the Federal Government.

Indeed, not only was he interested in their retirement provisions, but he also was deeply concerned with all the rules and regulations and benefits applying to Government workers.

BOB CORBETT had been a member of the committee since he returned to the Congress in 1945, first being named to the Committee on Post Office and Post Roads which 2 years later was absorbed into the present Post Office and Civil Service Committee created by the Reorganization Act of 1946.

During the 91st Congress, when our committee faced up to its most comprehensive piece of legislation—the postal reform measure—BOB CORBETT played a key role in the long and often frustrating effort to work out the final reorganization bill.

Mr. Speaker, as chairman I know that I speak for all members of the committee in expressing my deepest sorrow at the sudden passing of our friend and colleague. His lovely wife, Ruthe, and his daughter, Sally, have lost a beloved husband and father. We have lost a good friend.

Mr. Speaker, I include at this point a statement of James H. Rademacher, president of the National Association of Letter Carriers on the unfortunate death of Representative ROBERT J. CORBETT, of Pennsylvania:

STATEMENT OF JAMES H. RADEMACHER

I appreciate very much this opportunity, granted by Rep. Thaddeus J. Dulski, Chairman of the House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, to pay tribute to a great postal statesman, Hon. ROBERT J. CORBETT, of Pennsylvania.

BOB CORBETT served on the House Post Office Committee longer than any man in the history of the United States. During his 28 years in Congress, he never once cast a vote that was detrimental to the best interests of those who work in the Post Office.

BOB CORBETT was a man of courage and determination. He remained staunchly liberal when the administration of the nation and of the Postal Establishment were both unremittingly conservative. Despite many physical ailments, sufficient to discourage a lesser man, he stood up bravely for his own principles and for the dignity of the human family.

BOB CORBETT was at his best when from our point of view, the legislative picture looked darkest. He was forever looking for some kind of compromise, some kind of opening through which the light could come in and dispel the gloom of darkness which was surrounding us.

We, the members of the National Association of Letter Carriers, will miss him tremendously and we shall remember him always. May God grant him

eternal rest, and may He grant to his widow, Ruthe, and his daughter, Sally, the strength to bear their burden of sorrow.

Mr. GROSS. Mr. Speaker, it was with great regret that I learned early yesterday morning of the death of our colleague, the Honorable ROBERT J. CORBETT.

While I knew that he suffered from a chronic ailment, there was no indication that his condition had become acute, and apparently it was the death of his brother last week, to whom he was deeply attached, that brought him to a crisis and a shockingly sudden end.

For more than 22 years BOB CORBETT and I had served on the Post Office and Civil Service Committee and I am therefore aware of the many contributions he made to legislation affecting the welfare of Government employees and the operation of the postal service.

His long experience in dealing with problems of civil service and postal service will be missed by the members of the Post Office and Civil Service Committee.

To Mrs. Corbett and their daughter I extend sincere condolences in their grievous loss.

Mr. MOORHEAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join my colleagues in expressing profound shock and sorrow at the death of our good friend, BOB CORBETT. With the death of BOB CORBETT, the Nation has lost a dedicated public servant. Congress has lost an effective legislator and the 18th Congressional District of Pennsylvania has lost a powerful Representative. The postal clerks and civil servants have lost a great champion, and we in the House have lost a loyal and devoted friend.

Mr. Speaker, BOB CORBETT's district and mine adjoin and we shared many of the same problems. When I came to the Congress 12 years ago, BOB had already served 16 years in Congress. He gave to me unstintingly of the wisdom he had acquired over those years. There was never any partisan dispute between us and we remained friends throughout our service.

Mr. Speaker, I know that Pennsylvania has lost a very able and effective Representative and we, in the Congress, have lost a dear friend.

My wife and I join in expressing our most profound sympathy to his wife and daughter.

Mr. JOHNSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I was shocked and saddened when I received the news of the death of my good friend and colleague ROBERT CORBETT.

My real warm association with BOB started when I was named a member of the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service about 6 years ago. On this committee I was able to observe and to get to know this man who had a profound knowledge of the workings of the Post Office Department. He was a pillar of strength in the operations of the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service and was highly respected by those who had something to do with the postal service. I will never forget his kindness to me, as a member of the committee of which he was the minority chairman. He always was sympathetic to my requests as a member of the committee. He gave me valuable advice and counsel. BOB was essentially a very kind and considerate person, and, therefore, had a host of friends.

We certainly will miss his cheery "hello" and his ready smile. We have lost a great public servant.

May I extend to his wife and family my deepest sympathy in their great loss.

Mr. COUGHLIN. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in mourning the death of BOB CORBETT, a distinguished Pennsylvanian who served the United States and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for almost 28 years in the House of Representatives.

As dean of the Pennsylvania Republican delegation, BOB CORBETT exhibited the qualities of leadership and empathy that endeared him to all of us. I know that I will never forget the kindness, consideration, and advice he offered to his junior colleagues.

During his lifetime, BOB CORBETT was a teacher, a newspaper publisher, and an activist in community affairs. The many accomplishments of his career, both within and without the U.S. Congress, could not have been attained without his genuine involvement with people as individuals, for his deep concern with the course our American society pursued, and without his immense fund of knowledge about our history and our Government.

I extend my condolences to his wife, Ruthe; his daughter, Mrs. Sally Dunbar, and his two grandchildren. I hope that the high affection and esteem in which we all held BOB CORBETT will afford comfort to them in their time of grief.

Mr. ROONEY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I, too, join my colleagues in mourning the loss of a beloved Pennsylvania Congressman, BOB CORBETT. When I came to the Congress after a special election in 1963, I remember so well BOB coming over and congratulating me and asking if he could be of any help to me. He was a great inspiration. He has been most helpful to me ever since I came to Congress.

I know a little something about BOB CORBETT off the floor of the Congress because he represented the part of western Pennsylvania that encompasses Sewickley, where Mrs. Rooney's parents live. For years, BOB was a knowledgeable, skilled, and forceful Member of Congress. He was one of the first Members to poll his constituency by mail on the issues of the day. His thoughtful response to the views expressed was always well appreciated, and I know personally the tremendous respect which the people in his district had for BOB.

BOB was also well known for his loyal service to the Post Office and Civil Service Committee, of which he was ranking minority member, and especially for his dedication to providing wage equality for our Federal employees. He previously served as a member of the Armed Services Committee.

BOB CORBETT was an outstanding Congressman, a dedicated American, and a valued friend. Mrs. Rooney and I extend to Mrs. Corbett and their daughter, Sally, our deepest sympathy.

Mr. ANDERSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, it was not until a few minutes ago, when I was preparing to come to the House Chamber, that I learned of the unfortunate passing of our late colleague, the Honorable BOB CORBETT.

Many of those who have addressed the House this morning have spoken of their association with him over the years as members of the Post Office and Civil Service Committee. Even though I never had the experience or the opportunity of serving with BOB on a committee of the Congress, I had come to regard him with great affection and respect during the more than 10 years that I have been here. He was an able and an experienced legislator. We will miss him sorely in this body, and I certainly want to take this opportunity not only to express a deep sense of personal loss but also to offer my most sincere condolences to his widow and to his daughter.

Mr. UDALL. Mr. Speaker, it was with a great deal of sorrow that I received the word that my colleague and friend, Congressman ROBERT CORBETT, had passed away.

I remember BOB in his finest moments when he was with us on the Post Office and Civil Service Committee. He was the kind of man who stuck to his principles of fairplay and honesty even when it would have been easier to go along with the party or some special consideration of the time. Over and over again I saw BOB CORBETT vote for equal opportunities for all men, for better pay and benefit for the Federal worker, and for those measures which mark a man as good, decent, and honest. That is how I remember BOB CORBETT.

To the Congressman's widow and daughter, my sincere sympathy. They can be assured that the memory and legislative accomplishments of BOB CORBETT will be with us for a long time to come. He was truly an outstanding American.

Mr. O'NEILL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to add my voice to the already impressive list of tributes to our esteemed colleague, ROBERT J. CORBETT, who passed away unexpectedly this weekend.

Representative CORBETT, the dean of the Pennsylvania delegation, embodied all of the qualities and talents that are essential to the makeup of an effective legislator. His example kept all of us aware that our first responsibility is to our constituents.

Representative CORBETT continually demonstrated admirable humanitarian traits, particularly in his zeal to see that the rights of the "little man" were protected. He was especially concerned with the plight of the handicapped.

As one of the first Members to systematically solicit the opinion of his constituents, Representative CORBETT's votes were largely determined by the results of his polls. The veteran Pennsylvania legislator felt a deep obligation to carry out the mandates expressed by those who elected him.

Strong in very aspect of legislation, his tireless work on the Post Office and Civil Service Committee upgraded the efficiency of the Post Office and led to increased salaries and improved working conditions for Government employees. Representative CORBETT remained true to the underprivileged by introducing and cosponsoring

numerous pieces of legislation designed to help the black and the handicapped.

Representative CORBETT's interests and accomplishments were not limited to congressional affairs. As the youngest sheriff in the history of Allegheny County, he was the first to appoint black deputies. In addition, Representative CORBETT once edited and published the North Pittsburgh Times and also was the owner of Pittsburgh's first professional basketball team, the Raiders.

It is obvious that Representative CORBETT was a most dedicated worker. Significantly, he was most dedicated to the cause of those who needed him most. His death is a great loss to each and every one of us.

Mr. EVINS of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this means of joining my friends from Pennsylvania and others in paying a brief but sincere tribute to the memory of our late colleague and friend, ROBERT J. CORBETT, of Pennsylvania.

Certainly we were all shocked and saddened to learn of the passing of BOB CORBETT on Sunday in Pittsburgh—who served with great distinction and dedication for 28 years in the House.

BOB CORBETT was a genial, personable, able legislator and devoted to the public interest. He had a great compassion for the underprivileged and the handicapped, and worked to assure passage of much legislation to assist the unfortunate and disadvantaged people of our Nation.

As a senior and active member of the Post Office and Civil Service Committee, BOB CORBETT made great and significant contributions to these important areas of our Government.

He served his district, State, and Nation well and faithfully, and will be greatly missed. I want to take this means of extending to Mrs. Corbett and other members of his family this expression of my deepest and most sincere sympathy, in their loss and bereavement.

Mr. HARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I was saddened to learn of the passing on Sunday of my fellow colleague, BOB CORBETT.

For some 10 years I served in this body with the distinguished gentleman from Pennsylvania, and throughout this entire time he exhibited a true dedication, not only for those citizens of his 18th Congressional District, but for all humanity.

A continuing testimony of this concern and dedication is evidenced in his constant efforts to help the blind, the infirm, and other handicapped citizens. His outstanding efforts in these areas will not be soon forgotten.

I shall recall with fondness and appreciation the privilege that was mine in knowing BOB CORBETT. He was a good Congressman and a truly fine gentleman. His presence will be sorely missed.

My wife, June, joins me in extending our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Corbett and their daughter.

Mr. DERWINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I was shocked to hear of the passing of our beloved colleague, and my good friend, the Honorable ROBERT J. CORBETT.

As the ranking Republican member of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, BOB CORBETT played a major role in all the legislation coming before that unit. He was a very effective and knowledgeable legislator. He had the ability to work out compromises and to moderate differences of opinion—traits which were consistent with his quiet demeanor and gentle nature.

However, Mr. Speaker, we not only lose the service of a respected colleague but of a Member who had acquired many, many friends through his long years in this body. BOB CORBETT served his district well and was a most effective legislator, which is, of course, the first responsibility of a lawmaker. At all times he was cognizant of and served the best interests of our country.

We will miss him as a colleague, friend, and as an individual. On behalf of Mrs. Derwinski, as well as myself, I extend condolences to Mrs. Corbett and the family.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, this Congress and the Nation are poorer with the passing of ROBERT CORBETT. His long and dedicated career of public service ended with his death yesterday.

I think it can be safely said that few who have served in the Congress devoted more time and energy to help their fellow man. Known as the little man's Congressman, BOB CORBETT could always be counted on for wise counsel and sound leadership in matters concerning those Americans in special need. He stood fast in his dedication to the United States and he was in the front rank when it came to urging a strong and free America.

To say that he will be missed is an understatement. BOB CORBETT cannot be replaced in the hearts of those of us who knew him well and valued him as a friend. Our sympathies and prayers go out to his family. All of us can take solace in the knowledge that in BOB CORBETT, we enjoyed a personal relationship with a great gentleman who was always just that—a gentle man. This helps us to understand the greater loss which has been suffered by his family.

Mr. FULTON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, we personal friends have suffered deep loss in the passing of our long-time friend and colleague Congressman ROBERT J. CORBETT, of Pennsylvania. It is with a real sense of personal loss, as well as loss for Congressman CORBETT's fine family, his many friends in the 18th Congressional District of Pennsylvania, and Allegheny County, as well as the State of Pennsylvania and our whole country that I make these remarks in tribute to BOB CORBETT.

BOB CORBETT and I worked together as longtime friends starting with our work in the Young Republican organization of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County. Each of us in the Pennsylvania delegation, both Republican and Democrat, extend to BOB CORBETT's family and his many friends our sincere sympathy and condolence at this time of sorrow and unexpected loss.

I would like to report to the House that we have had nothing but good comments about Congressman BOB CORBETT. His dedication to the House of Representatives, his patriotism and his love of country, his work through the years in civic and public affairs on the Federal, State, and local levels have won him a place of high standing in our Nation's history where he will be long remembered.

One of the most impressive statements that has been made about BOB CORBETT is the personal statement by President Nixon at Camp David yesterday, Sunday, April 25, when he said:

Congressman BOB CORBETT of Pennsylvania is a valuable personal friend whom I have known since our service together in the House of Representatives more than 20 years ago. It was with justifiable pride that ROBERT CORBETT of Pennsylvania called himself "the little man's Congressman."

His constant concern for the blind, the infirm and others in special need was a tribute to his humanitarianism. With his death the Congress has lost a distinguished member and the Nation has lost a dedicated servant.

Our two Pittsburgh leading newspapers have excellent editorials on the passing of BOB CORBETT, which I now include in my remarks:

[From the Pittsburgh (Pa.) Press, Apr. 26, 1971]

REPRESENTATIVE CORBETT DIES—RITES TOMORROW

U.S. Representative ROBERT J. CORBETT, the veteran Republican Congressman from Ben Avon Heights died yesterday in Suburban General Hospital, Bellevue. Mr. CORBETT entered the hospital Thursday for a diabetic condition and his personal physician attributed his death to cerebral thrombosis on the left side of the brain.

Mr. CORBETT, who lived with his wife, Mrs. Ruthe M. Corbett at 15 Devon Lane, Ben Avon Heights represented the 18th Congressional District.

Mr. CORBETT has served in Congress longer than anyone from Western Pennsylvania and was within a year of the Pennsylvania record set last century by Representative William D. Kelley of Philadelphia 1861-1890. Mr. CORBETT had served continuously since the convening of the 79th Congress in January of 1945. He had served previously in the 76th Congress (1939-1941). He ranked 19th in seniority among the 435 House members and 3rd among Republicans. He was the Dean of the State's House Delegation, as well as the senior Republican from Pennsylvania.

Although Mr. CORBETT never sought to be a dominant figure in the House Republican organization, and often voted independently, he rose to a position of importance 10 years ago. At that time, he became the senior GOP member of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, a position which assured him of becoming its Chairman in the event his party took control of the House. There Mr. CORBETT helped write the laws which transformed the Post Office Department into the quasi-independent U.S. Postal Service, and set the pay and rules for the millions of Federal employees who compose Civil Service.

He helped bring about in recent years a goal he had long sought—a pay schedule for upper bracket civil servants comparable to private industry. But he also . . . supported pay increases for lower level workers to keep pace with the cost of living and increases in productivity. Though he voted for pay increases for House members, he also was quick to insist that members of their staffs be granted proportionate pay raises.

Mr. CORBETT was recognized as a friend of the blind and was honored by their organizations. He saw to it that in the Reorganization Act some years ago the right of blind people to operate vending stands in Federal buildings was preserved. He was the author of a law permitting Federal employees who become blind to continue working if they can provide "sighted readers" to help them at their own expense or at the cost of blind organizations.

Mr. CORBETT's office has a good reputation for service to constituents, and his longtime Administrative Assistant Harold Eberle is a leader among GOP staff members in the House. During much of his career Mr. CORBETT had one of the most liberal voting records among Republican Congressmen, but he had voted somewhat more conservatively in recent years.

Mr. CORBETT was graduated from Allegheny College in 1927 and received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the school in 1965. He was a

Wallace Research Fellow in History at the University of Pittsburgh from 1927 to 1929, where he earned a Masters Degree. Mr. CORBETT taught at Coraopolis Senior High School from 1929 to 1938. He also taught at Allegheny College, Pitt and Pittsburgh Academy. Mr. CORBETT was an instructor of political science, economics, history and public speaking. He was the former editor and publisher of the "North Pittsburgh Times".

Mr. CORBETT was elected Sheriff of Allegheny County in 1941 and, at the age of 36, became the youngest person to hold that office.

Mr. CORBETT was elected again in the 1944 Congressional elections and remained in office until his death. He served as a Congressional representative to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Parliamentary Conference in Paris in 1957, 1958 and 1959. He was also a member of the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce, Phi Delta Theta fraternity, Loyal Order of Moose, Elks, Eagles, Kiwanis, Lions, Phi Alpha Theta, Delta Sigma Rho and the Board of Directors of Suburban General Hospital.

Mr. CORBETT was proud of his efforts on behalf of flood control in the Pittsburgh area, and once said, "I have been in the forefront in the battle for flood control and have done much to get the Allegheny River dams which have helped to save Pittsburgh and other towns from severe flooding." He attributed his long tenure in Congress to "the fact that I have stayed away from extreme views by following a moderate course." Mr. CORBETT supported President Lyndon B. Johnson's and President Richard M. Nixon's Vietnam War policy. "I believe," he once said, "I have no choice except to follow decisions made at the top level and do my bit to help my country maintain a united front against those who spurn our objectives and ideals."

In addition to his widow, survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Sally C. Dunbar of Ben Avon Heights, a sister, Mrs. Doris Thompson of Bellevue, and two grandchildren.

Friends will be received from 7 to 9 tonight and 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. tomorrow at the MacDonald-Linn Funeral Home, 366 Lincoln Avenue, Bellevue. Services will be held at 8 p.m. tomorrow at the funeral home. Burial will be Wednesday at Union Dale Cemetery, North Side.

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[From the Pittsburgh (Pa.) Post-Gazette, April 26, 1971]

CONGRESSMAN CORBETT DIES IN HOSPITAL HERE

U.S. Representative ROBERT J. CORBETT died early yesterday, at the age of 65, after serving almost half a lifetime as Congressman for northern Allegheny County's 18th District. Death came at 1:25 a.m., in the Suburban General Hospital, Bellevue, in the aftermath of cerebral thrombosis, a blood clot lodged in the brain suffered early Thursday. CORBETT long had been a victim of diabetes, and entered the hospital Wednesday night with a temperature.

He succumbed just 8 days after an elder brother, William (Ted) Corbett died in Virginia. William Corbett had been a judge of the old Allegheny County Court and in the late 1950's was Governor of Guam.

Funeral services for Representative CORBETT will be held tomorrow at 8 p.m. at the MacDonald-Linn Funeral Home, 366 Lincoln Avenue, Bellevue with interment to follow Wednesday morning at Union Dale Cemetery, North Side.

Friends will be received at the funeral home today and tomorrow from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. The Congressman is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ruthe M. Corbett, one daughter, Mrs. Sally Corbett Dunbar, two grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Doris Thompson. He lived at 15 Devon Lane, Ben Avon Heights.

The Congressional District that sent CORBETT to Washington for 29 years is a sprawling and varied one that takes in virtually all of the northern half of Allegheny County and has a population of about 460,000. It encompasses everything north of the Ohio and Allegheny Rivers, except the North Side business district, and crosses the Allegheny to include the Boroughs of Oakmont, Verona, Penn Hills, Plum, Monroeville, Pitcairn, Forest Hills, Edgewood, and Wilkinsburg; and Wilkins Township.

The District sent CORBETT to Congress for the first time in the elections of 1938. In 1941 he ran for sheriff. He served until 1944, when he ran for Congress the 2nd time and was sent back to Congress by his District. From that time on he was reelected every 2 years and had planned to run again next year. In his later campaigns he generally had an easy time, although that was not always so, and even in the "easy" years there were wide fluctuations in his margins of victory.

It was a legislative attitude that helped him attain more time in Congress than any other member from Western Pennsylvania. The tenure made him the ranking Republican on the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, and membership of the NATO Assembly and the Republican Policy Committee.

Congressman CORBETT was born in Avalon in 1905 and was graduated in 1927 from Allegheny College where he recently was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. He received his Masters Degree from Pitt and did graduate study at Columbia University. In the 1930's CORBETT taught at Coraopolis High School and coached several championship debating teams (a capacity he did not often utilize in Congress, but when he did he was good), and in the 1940's he was the owner of the first professional basketball team in the city, the Pittsburgh Raiders. At one time he was publisher of the "North Pittsburgh Times". He was recipient of the George Washington Carver Award and the American Legion Distinguished Service Award and the 89th Congress Watchdog of the Treasury Award.

In conclusion, the Pennsylvania delegation in the Congress, where BOB CORBETT was very popular both among the Democrats and Republicans, will really miss BOB CORBETT and sincerely extend our feelings of loss and sympathy to his family and his many friends.

Mr. McDADE. Mr. Speaker, early Sunday morning death took ROBERT J. CORBETT, and in that taking this Nation lost a splendid man, a distinguished American, a dedicated Member of Congress.

For those of us who came to know him as a friend as I did, that loss is a deep and very personal one.

It would not be possible to put into words my sense of loss at the death of BOB CORBETT. When I first came to the Congress, when I was faced with those instant decisions which confront every freshman Congressman in the same manner they confront the very experienced Members of this House, I learned early to discuss the issues with BOB. I learned that he had an astonishing grasp of legislation, a profound understanding of the issues of the times, and a willingness to share his knowledge with those who were interested in seeking it out.

Out of many hours of discussion there grew between us a friendship that was to endure with growing warmth until the day he passed from among us.

He was a man who loved the people of this Nation profoundly. Through his work on the Post Office and Civil Service Committee, he came to know the mailmen of this Nation—those patient, hard-working, often-abused, seldom-appreciated, splendid people who keep the wheels of commerce turning in this Nation, who keep alive a million threads of friendship across this Nation and across the world. He came to understand and to love these people, and became their champion here in Congress. They knew this. They became his champions, as he had become theirs; they became a legion of campaigners for CORBETT who stopped at every home in his district and who spread the word that this was indeed a man.

He was loved and respected also by his colleagues here in the House. He was the senior member of his party in the Pennsylvania delegation. When we met to discuss the issues before the Nation which might have a notable effect upon the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, there was no voice raised in that caucus more respected than the voice of BOB CORBETT. We knew he had more than knowledge; he had wisdom and vision and depth that we valued dearly; and always that wisdom was framed in a delightful wit and humor that would move any heart. Even in pain, he could make the world laugh.

Now he has gone from us. Here, in the House of Representatives, the entire Nation has symbolically paused from its work to pay tribute to this splendid man, and that is a fitting thing to do for a man who served this Nation so well. I extend my condolences to his beloved wife Ruthe, and his daughter Eleanor Louise. Their loss is greater than the loss any others among us have sustained. I would tell them, in their grief, that he will be remembered here in this House as a quiet, patient man who in a quiet, patient way helped shape the destiny of this Nation. It was of such men as BOB CORBETT that John Donne wrote:

Death, be not proud, though some have called thee
Mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so;
For those whom thou think'st thou dost overthrow
Die not, poor Death, nor yet canst thou kill me.
From rest and sleep, which but thy pictures be,
Much pleasure, then from thee much more must flow.
And soonest our best men with thee do go,
Rest of their bones and souls' delivery.
Thou art slave to fate, chance, kings, and desperate men,
And dost with poison, war, and sickness dwell;
And poppy, or charms can make us sleep as well,
And better than thy stroke: why swell'st thou then?
One short sleep past, we wake eternally,
And Death shall be no more: Death, thou shalt die!

Mr. SAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution.

The Clerk read the resolution as follows:

HOUSE RESOLUTION 402

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable ROBERT J. CORBETT, a Representative from the State of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That a committee of forty-eight Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provision of these resolutions and that the necessary expense in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolutions were agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints as members of the Funeral Committee the following members on the part of the House: Messrs. Saylor, Fulton of Pennsylvania, Morgan, Barrett, Byrne of Pennsylvania, Flood, Clark, Dent, Nix, Moorhead, Schneebeil, Whalley, McDade, Rooney of Pennsylvania, Johnson of Pennsylvania, Green of Pennsylvania, Vigorito, Goodling, Biester, Eilberg, Eshleman, Williams, Gaydos, Coughlin, Yatron, Ware, Gross, Daniels of New Jersey, Derwinski, Dulski, Henderson, Udall, Purcell, Charles H. Wilson, William D. Ford, Hamilton, Hanley, White, Waldie, Beville, Brasco, McClure, Scott, Rousselot, Chappell, Hogan, Hillis, and Powell.

The Clerk will report the remaining resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to.



ADJOURNMENT

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 27, 1971, at 12 o'clock noon.

MEMORIAL ADDRESSES
IN THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ADDRESS BY HON. EDWARD G. BIESTER, JR.

OF PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. Speaker, I learned only yesterday of the passing of our distinguished colleague, ROBERT CORBETT, the dean of the Pennsylvania delegation.

There was a special warmth and sprightly wit in BOB CORBETT which this House will miss deeply. He was a man who unabashedly loved to work on the problems faced by the little people of his district and his country. His special regard for the men and women who work in the postal service is well known to all Members.

It always seemed to me that BOB CORBETT knew the Government was not an abstract system but rather an interweaving of hundreds upon thousands of human beings and his concern toward the human beings who make the system work was the source of energy that drove him to champion their cause.

We will miss his wit, his warmth, and his down-to-earth common-sense. There are many tributes that could be paid to BOB but the one I think he would appreciate the most would be the fact that those of us who worked with him know beyond any doubt that he cared about people and put his care to work in long years of service and the people he loved have a better life and the Nation he served is stronger as a result.

ADDRESS BY HON. EDWIN D. ESHLEMAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. Speaker, Pennsylvania has lost a distinguished citizen, the Nation has lost a dedicated servant, and the Congress has lost a valued Member. BOB CORBETT's death came with unexpected suddenness, and the loss will be felt in many quarters, but particularly in this Chamber.

President Nixon noted that BOB was proud of his reputation as "the little man's Congressman." Thousands of Government employees can attest to his interest in their problems during his many years of service on the Post Office and Civil Service Committee. Thousands of Americans who belong to minority groups knew of his personal dedication to bettering racial and ethnic affairs in our country and our communities. Handicapped citizens found him responsive to and knowledgeable about their special needs. And BOB's constituents were beneficiaries of his belief in representation through service.

I think that we can also say that BOB CORBETT was a Congressman's Congressman. He was dean of our Pennsylvania Republican delegation in Congress. He was the Member from the Mid-Atlantic region on the GOP policy committee. He was chairman of Pennsylvania's Republican congressional committee. In all these posts he worked with his colleagues and won their respect.

But, the one thing which I remember as setting BOB CORBETT apart from most of us in this body was his great skill in handling legislation on the House floor. When a bill was under his management, it was in the very best of hands. He knew not only the job of legislating, but the art of legislating.

BOB will be missed in the U.S. House of Representatives. He will be missed by the Nation. We each share in the bereavement of his family at this hour, and I want to take this opportunity to extend to Mrs. Corbett and other members of the family this expression of my deep and sincere sympathy. My wife joins me in these condolences.

ADDRESS BY HON. ROBERT N. C. NIX
OF PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. Speaker, I was greatly saddened to learn that my good friend and colleague, the Honorable ROBERT CORBETT, dean of the Pennsylvania delegation, had expired over the weekend.

I worked with Congressman CORBETT for over 9 years on the Post Office and Civil Service Committee.

His experience as a legislator, whose career dated back to the late thirties, was invaluable to our committee and its members. His humor and good will was largely responsible for the good feeling that exist between members of both parties on the Post Office and Civil Service Committee.

Congressman CORBETT's life spanned several careers, including teaching, newspaper publishing, and local government. He was a historian by training, a just man by temperament, and an outstanding lawmaker. His good sense was part of the bone and sinew of every good piece of legislation coming from our committee.

At the conclusion of Congressman CORBETT's career, the Federal Government had become the best employer in the United States. He was largely responsible for the success of pay legislation. Federal employees have lost one of their greatest champions.

During the span of his career, he fought for reasonable first-class mail rates.

The people of Pittsburgh and the people of Pennsylvania know that he never failed them in 28 years.

I remember and I know that Federal employees will remember his dedication to the principles of equal employment opportunity in the Federal Government. He was one of those responsible for the preserving of the National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees during the postal reorganization battle.

He was a Congressman's Congressman. He worked hard and he worked intelligently.

He was a great family man and I want to extend my condolences to his wife, Mrs. Ruthe Corbett, their daughter, Mrs. Donald Dunbar, his sister, Mrs. Doris Thompson, and to his grandchildren, Robert, James, and Laurie Craig.

ADDRESS BY HON. HERMAN T. SCHNEEBELI
OF PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. Speaker, the House of Representatives has just suffered a great loss; so has the Nation. Many of BOB CORBETT's colleagues were surprised and shocked by BOB's sudden passing over the weekend, and we are still stunned by the impact of our loss.

Those of us privileged to serve in the Pennsylvania Republican delegation under the leadership of ROBERT J. CORBETT were constantly impressed by his rare leadership qualities. During his 13 years as dean of the delegation, his excellent wit served him and all of us well, and he was always ready with an apt and appropriate reply to any situation.

Perhaps his fine leadership exhibited itself best at those times when disagreements on important issues appeared to be developing during delegation meetings; his talent for smoothing ruffled feathers was deeply appreciated by his colleagues in promoting harmony within the delegation.

In addition, BOB CORBETT was a great friend of the working man and, as ranking Republican member of the Post Office Committee, was a true champion of U.S. Postal employees.

By tradition, he was many times referred to as "the gentleman from Pennsylvania." The term applied with unusual accuracy. Colleague, constituent, citizen—all were impressed by the high degree of sensitivity which guided his activities.

Some of us are aware that, for the past several years, BOB CORBETT was burdened by poor health and had difficulty in mobility. We all know, however, that his active, dedicated service continued and he responded to the duties of his office, despite physical limitations. We shall all miss our genial friend, gentleman BOB CORBETT.

ADDRESS BY HON. JOSEPH P. ADDABBO
OF NEW YORK

Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in the House in mourning the loss of our distinguished Member from Pennsylvania, the Honorable ROBERT J. CORBETT. His record of service in this Chamber and his dedication to public service throughout his life is to be admired and remembered by those of us who knew of his achievements.

It was my pleasure to serve with Congressman CORBETT on the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee when I first became a Member of the House. Since that time I have respected BOB for his outstanding contribution as ranking member of that committee. The people of the 18th Congressional District of Pennsylvania and all Americans will miss his active and constructive participation in the legislative process.

I join in extending my personal sympathies to the family and friends of the Honorable ROBERT J. CORBETT.

ADDRESS BY HON. ELWOOD HILLIS
OF INDIANA

Mr. Speaker, today it is my privilege to join my colleagues in paying tribute to a great American, Congressman ROBERT CORBETT.

As a freshman, I did not have the honor of knowing Congressman CORBETT for any great length of time. But as a new member of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, I quickly developed keen respect and admiration for this great man.

Congressman CORBETT will certainly be missed by his fellow committee members, by all Members of the House and by all citizens of the United States.

But we must remember that this country is a better place because of ROBERT CORBETT.

ADDRESS BY HON. JOSEPH M. GAYDOS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. Speaker, I was deeply saddened to learn of the death of BOB CORBETT, our distinguished colleague and dear friend from western Pennsylvania. When I first came to Congress 3 years ago, BOB CORBETT was one of the first to extend the warm hand of friendship and offer of assistance. As the dean of the Pennsylvania delegation, he was always willing to assist new Members and provide them with the benefit of his vast experience and intimate knowledge of House procedures.

For over a quarter of a century BOB CORBETT's service in the House of Representatives has justifiably earned him the reputation as being the champion of the postal service employees. As the ranking minority member on the Post Office and Civil Service Committee, he was instrumental in developing a sound and sensible retirement system for the employees of the Federal Government. During the last Congress when the postal reform measure was being considered by the committee, BOB CORBETT was a motivating force in working out the intricate details of this complex legislation. He was a dedicated and effective legislator and will always be remembered for his tireless work on behalf of his constituents. He was a great leader with an ingrained sense of fairplay and devotion to duty. He will be sorely missed by the body. I join my colleagues in expressing our sorrow and I wish to extend to his wife and daughter my deepest sympathy in their hour of grief.

ADDRESS BY HON. GEORGE A. GOODLING

OF PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. Speaker, I was deeply saddened by the news that Congressman ROBERT J. CORBETT, my good friend and colleague, had passed away.

BOB CORBETT's talent and experience made him a "quality Congressman," and he made a superb contribution to the function of the House of Representatives. He was diligent in and devoted to

his congressional work, constantly conscious of his responsibilities as a Member of the House of Representatives.

One can gain some appreciation of Mr. CORBETT's personal dynamics when he realizes that he was the dean of the Pennsylvania congressional delegation and ranking Republican on the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee.

In a deep sense BOB CORBETT was a humanitarian, constantly championing legislation designed to improve the lot of the physically disabled and the economically underprivileged.

His absence will bring great sorrow to his colleagues. He will be missed in proportion to the great contribution he made to the House of Representatives and to the people he represented in Pennsylvania's 18th Congressional District.

ADDRESS BY HON. GUS YATRON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. Speaker, I rise to join my colleagues in honoring the memory of a man who served his community, his State, and his Nation with dedication and distinction for more than three decades.

I was shocked and deeply saddened to learn of BOB CORBETT's passing, and my family joins me in extending our sympathies to his wife, Ruthe; his daughter, Mrs. Sally Dunbar, and his two grandchildren.

I remember that when I arrived in Washington to serve in this legislative body, BOB CORBETT was kind enough to offer me his friendship and counsel. He brought to the House of Representatives the wisdom and compassion of a man who engaged and excelled in a variety of occupations. As a teacher, newspaper publisher, and public servant, BOB CORBETT compiled an impressive list of accomplishments.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that it will be of some comfort to BOB CORBETT's family to know that the 18th Congressional District, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and our Nation share their sense of loss.

ADDRESS BY HON. WILLIAM G. BRAY
OF INDIANA

Mr. Speaker, it was with sadness and a deep sense of loss that I heard the news of the passing of our good friend and colleague from Pennsylvania, ROBERT J. CORBETT.

His long, faithful, and diligent service to his constituency, his State, and his country is now ended. We who were privileged to be his friends will always remember him for the man among men that he was. A wise, thoughtful, and considerate man is gone, and the Congress and the American Republic is poorer for his passing.

ADDRESS BY HON. BOB WILSON
OF CALIFORNIA

Mr. Speaker, I would like to join in the tributes to our beloved friend and distinguished colleague, BOB CORBETT. For three decades he represented the 18th Congressional District of Pennsylvania—but more so he also represented the ideals of public service. His work for the blind and infirmed was well known. He liked to call himself the “little man’s Congressman” and his work in Congress reflected his concern for the welfare of the people of his district and the handicapped people of the Nation.

BOB CORBETT was active in the affairs of the Republican congressional committee and served on that committee during a period which saw it grow into a major party function. I am pleased to have had the opportunity to work closely with Bob in the political field—and I consider his death a personal loss.

BOB was an expert in postal affairs and a friend of the post office employee. He was diligent and skillful in carrying on the work of his congressional office and earned the respect and allegiance of his North Pittsburgh district. I feel it can truly be said that he was a “Congressman’s Congressman” and that we who knew him have lost a friend, a good Republican, and a fine example of a dedicated public servant—a man that Congress can be proud to have had as a Member for 30 years.

ADDRESS BY HON. SPARK M. MATSUNAGA
OF HAWAII

Mr. Speaker, I shall always treasure my memories of the period when I served on the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee with our late beloved colleague, the Honorable ROBERT J. CORBETT. In our common effort to advance the best interests of the Federal worker, I found, and I am sure that BOB did too, that party labels are relatively unimportant. Although he was the ranking Republican and I a very junior Democrat on the committee, I found that we voted together in support of innumerable pieces of legislation which were designed to improve the status of the Federal employee.

It is little wonder that BOB came to be known as the little man's Congressman. It was not a meaningless appellation. It aptly described his work and his attitude during the 28 years he served as a Member of Congress. The handicapped, the infirm, and the underprivileged—they all were the unforgotten beneficiaries of legislation supported by the Congressman from Pennsylvania's 18th District. His humanitarianism was deep and sincere; it was in fact a part of his nature.

In BOB CORBETT's untimely passing, his constituents have lost a dedicated and effective representative. The people of America have lost an able and diligent lawmaker. And we in Congress have lost a true and respected friend.

Saddened by the loss of this great American, I would like to extend my heartfelt sympathy to Ruthe Corbett and their daughter, Sally.

ADDRESS BY HON. JAMES A. BYRNE
OF PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. Speaker, once again we are obligated to halt the regular business of this body to pay tribute to one of our colleagues who will no longer be part of us.

This situation becomes especially painful personally when I lose a colleague from my own State who has been a close friend of mine

in the Congress for two decades. Such a man was Congressman ROBERT J. CORBETT, who served his constituents of the 18th District of Pennsylvania honorably and well in 14 Congresses.

BOB CORBETT was only 34 years old when his constituents first elected him to the U.S. Congress. Then he went home as sheriff of Allegheny County. But I guess Potomac fever was too strong and he returned to the 79th Congress and was elected to each Congress since.

Though we sat on opposite sides of the aisle and we naturally had our political differences, I can say BOB CORBETT never took a stand which was not for the people of Pennsylvania and his district.

I had the honor of serving with him on the Armed Services Committee and he was ranking Republican member of the Post Office and Civil Service Committee.

I have lost a dear friend, this Congress has lost an outstanding and hardworking colleague, and the people of Pennsylvania have lost a sterling representative.

To his beloved wife Ruthe and his daughter Eleanor we offer our heartfelt condolences.

ADDRESS BY HON. JOHN J. ROONEY

OF NEW YORK

Mr. Speaker, I was truly shocked to hear of the sudden passing of the Honorable ROBERT J. CORBETT. I knew BOB CORBETT for most of the 28 years he represented the people of Pennsylvania's 18th Congressional District so well, and came to admire his ability and wit and determination to do the right thing. I had the good fortune recently to share some of that delightful wit while at the Capitol physician's physiotherapy room. BOB CORBETT was a man dedicated to the people of his district and even more to the people of the country who needed his help. He had a special place in his heart for our blind and sponsored many pieces of legislation to help them. He was a fighter for the often ignored lower ranking Federal employee. He was a valued member of the House Post Office and Civil Service

Committee and as its ranking minority member lent much weight to legislation aimed at improving our postal service. He was a kindly man and in a quiet, but effective way a leader. The people of his district, his State delegation, his party, and all of his colleagues here will truly miss him. To his lovely wife and daughter I extend the Rooneys' deepest sympathy.

ADDRESS BY HON. CLARENCE E. MILLER

OF OHIO

Mr. Speaker, we mourn the loss of our colleague from Pennsylvania, ROBERT J. CORBETT. First elected to the 76th Congress, BOB CORBETT had served the constituency of the Keystone State's 18th District faithfully. He was the dean of the Pennsylvania delegation to the House of Representatives and the ranking Republican on the Post Office and Civil Service Committee. I think our colleague will be remembered best, however, as one devoted to the needs of the disadvantaged people of this country—particularly the blind. He saw to it that special materials were placed in the Library of Congress to assist the handicapped and sponsored numerous legislative packages designed specifically to correct the hardships and problems of the handicapped. His hard work and dedication to the Congress and this country will continue to be evident for years to come. I extend my deepest sympathy to his wife, Ruthe, his daughter, Mrs. Sally Dunbar, and to his two grandchildren.

ADDRESS BY HON. JAMES M. COLLINS

OF TEXAS

Mr. Speaker, I would like to join my colleagues in expressing a real sense of personal loss in the passing of ROBERT CORBETT. For 14 terms, he has served his country with distinction and honor as a Representative from Pennsylvania.

The keynote of BOB CORBETT's career was public service. As a teacher, as a newspaperman, as a law enforcement officer, as a Representative to Congress, he developed a broad and compassionate understanding of the needs of his fellow man. This humanitarianism was reflected in his legislative work on behalf of the blind, the physically disabled, and other handicapped people.

As ranking Republican on the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, he worked diligently to improve the lot of the Postal Service in general and postal employees in particular.

BOB CORBETT was highly respected and widely recognized for his community involvement and his outstanding contributions here in Congress. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from his alma mater, Allegheny College. He was elected to the board of directors of Suburban General Hospital. He received the George Washington Carver Award, the American Legion Distinguished Service Award, and the 89th Congress Watchdog of the Treasury Award.

His ability as a floor manager of important legislation and the high reputation of his office for constituent service are well known. His good humor, his consideration for his colleagues, and his wise leadership are equally well known. He well deserved his title of "Congressman's Congressman."

To his family I extend my heartfelt sympathy. Your loss is shared by Congress and the entire Nation.

ADDRESS BY HON. THADDEUS J. DULSKI

OF NEW YORK

Mr. Speaker, the passing of our friend and colleague, Congressman ROBERT J. CORBETT, has brought many profound and sincere expressions of sorrow.

He was the last active original member of the Post Office and Civil Service Committee of which he was ranking minority member at the time of his death. In addition to his many other legislative achievements, BOB CORBETT made a great mark on matters concerning Federal employees.

Mr. Speaker, as part of my remarks I am including the text of a letter written to Mrs. Corbett by Robert L. White, president of the National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees:

April 30, 1971.

Mrs. ROBERT J. CORBETT,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

DEAR MRS. CORBETT: On behalf of the 45,000 members of the National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees, I wish to extend our deepest sympathies to the bereaved family of the distinguished Congressman from Pennsylvania, Mr. ROBERT J. CORBETT.

BOB CORBETT was not only a true and great friend to postal and federal employees, he was a true American who believed in doing what was right for America.

While many talked of democracy, BOB CORBETT carried out the creed of democracy toward his fellow man regardless of race, religion, sex or national origin.

The National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees shall never forget the deeds of BOB CORBETT for he came to our aid at the time of our greatest need.

He stood by our side against the combined forces of organized labor and his own Republican administrators, when together, they were trying to put this predominantly black organization out of business. We, as an organization, were fully aware that BOB CORBETT stood by our side, because he was dedicated to the principals of democracy and Americanism, and not because he needed the black vote. For in his district, blacks and whites lived as one.

Sincerely,

ROBERT L. WHITE,
President.

ADDRESS BY HON. FRANK HORTON

OF NEW YORK

Mr. Speaker, with the death of our colleague, the Honorable ROBERT CORBETT, the House of Representatives, and the Nation, have suffered a great loss.

As a legislator, Congressman CORBETT achieved a record which speaks of his commitment to helping the people of the 18th Congressional District of Pennsylvania and his dedication to public service for all Americans.

Congressman CORBETT distinguished himself by his service on the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee. He was largely responsible for legislation which benefited Federal employees, whether in the area of pay increases or equal employment opportunity.

The Northwestern New York Council of the American Federation of Government Employees has asked me to recognize for them their deep regret over the loss of Congressman CORBETT. I share with the council their feeling that with the death of BOB CORBETT we have lost a great representative of the people.

ADDRESS BY HON. FRANK M. CLARK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. Speaker, the membership of the Pennsylvania State branch of the National Association of Postal Supervisors have paid the following tribute to the late Representative ROBERT J. CORBETT:

Pennsylvania Postal Supervisors were greatly grieved and saddened at the sudden death of Representative ROBERT J. CORBETT on Sunday, April 25, 1971. Congressman CORBETT faithfully served on the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee for 25 years and shall always be remembered by postal supervisors for his undaunted perseverance in legislation both beneficial to the Post Office Department and the postal employee. We will long remember him for the good he did and hope that the United States Postal Service in the future will continue to follow some of the well laid plans he helped to formulate. The Pennsylvania Postal Supervisors extend their most sincere condolences and sympathy to his bereaved family and we will ever cherish his friendship and memory.

May the angels accompany him to Paradise. At his arrival may the martyrs receive and lead him into the Holy City of Jerusalem. May the choir of angels receive him and may he find eternal rest.

ADDRESS BY HON. DOMINICK V. DANIELS

OF NEW JERSEY

Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to express my deep regret over the passing of my good friend and colleague on the Post Office and Civil Service Committee, the Honorable ROBERT J. CORBETT, of Pennsylvania.

I served with BOB CORBETT for 10 years in the committee and can attest to his deep regard for and dedication to public service.

He justifiably called himself the little man's Congressman. He represented the interests of common men of all the country, not only of his own district in Pennsylvania. With BOB CORBETT's passing, a great voice of the people has been stilled.

I know I speak for all my colleagues in saying that we share the great loss with his family to whom we express our deep and sincere sympathy.

ADDRESS BY HON. CHARLES W. WHALEN, JR.

OF OHIO

Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in their eloquent and heartfelt tributes to Congressman ROBERT J. CORBETT.

While many recall BOB's outstanding contributions through the Post Office and Civil Service Committee during his 28 years in this House, I would like to mention his work with the Armed Services Committee on which he served during the 91st Congress. Despite his numerous responsibilities as the ranking minority member on the Post Office and Civil Service Committee, he quickly became knowledgeable in the field of military affairs. His perception and incisiveness were of much benefit to our deliberations. The Nation's debt to him is great indeed.

Mrs. Whalen joins me in extending our sympathy to Congressman CORBETT's family.

May he rest in peace.

PROCEEDINGS
IN THE
UNITED STATES SENATE

Proceedings in the Senate

MONDAY, April 26, 1971.

Mr. SCHWEIKER. Mr. President, I ask the Chair to lay before the Senate a message from the House of Representatives on House Resolution 402.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution of the House of Representatives (H. Res. 402), which was read as follows:

HOUSE RESOLUTION 402

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable ROBERT J. CORBETT, a Representative from the State of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That a committee of forty-eight Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Mr. SCHWEIKER. Mr. President, on behalf of myself and the distinguished Republican leader, I submit a resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution will be read.

The resolution was read, as follows:

SENATE RESOLUTION 106

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of the Honorable ROBERT J. CORBETT, late a Representative from the State of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Senate do now adjourn.

Mr. SCHWEIKER. Mr. President, ROBERT J. CORBETT, dean of the Pennsylvania congressional delegation, died Sunday in Pittsburgh after suffering a stroke. I have lost a personal friend and his community, State, and Nation have lost a dedicated servant.

He spent half of his lifetime in public service, including 28 years as a Member of Congress from Allegheny County's 18th District.

Congressman CORBETT was ranking Republican on the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee and was the third ranking Republican Member of the House.

The statement issued by President Nixon sums up the feeling of many of us for BOB CORBETT. He honored him as "a valuable personal friend whom I have known since our service together in the House of Representatives more than 20 years ago.

It was with justifiable pride that ROBERT CORBETT of Pennsylvania called himself "the little man's congressman." His constant concern for the blind, the infirm, and others in special need was a tribute to his humanitarianism. With his death, the Congress has lost a distinguished Member and the Nation has lost a dedicated servant.

Mr. CORBETT was first elected to Congress in 1938 after graduating from Allegheny College and receiving a master's degree in history from the University of Pittsburgh, service as a high school teacher and publisher of the North Pittsburgh Times.

He served his community and constituents with honor, his party, State, and Nation with love.

I offer this resolution expressing the sorrow of the Members of this body and extending our sympathy to his wife and family.

BOB CORBETT will be missed.

Mr. SCOTT. Mr. President, BOB CORBETT was my old and dear friend over the greater period of his distinguished service in the Congress.

He served ably, with diligence, competence, and faithfulness to his constituency.

We will miss his cheerful friendliness and his warm personality.

I extend my sincere condolences to his family.

Mr. JAVITS. I wish to express my deepest sympathy on the passing of BOB CORBETT. He was a great friend of mine for many years. I am dismayed and shocked at his death. I join all my colleagues in expressing deepest sympathy and condolences to his family.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the resolution was considered and unanimously agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the second resolving clause the Chair appoints the Senators from Pennsylvania (Mr. Scott and Mr. Schweiker) as the committee on the part of the Senate to attend the funeral of the late Representative CORBETT.



ADJOURNMENT UNTIL THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 1971

Mr. BYRD of West Virginia. Mr. President, if there be no further business to come before the Senate, I move, in accordance with the previous order, and, pursuant to Senate Resolution 106, as a further mark of respect to the memory of Representative ROBERT J. CORBETT, of Pennsylvania, that the Senate now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to: and (at 6 o'clock and 29 minutes p.m.) the Senate adjourned until Thursday, April 29, 1971, at 12 o'clock noon.



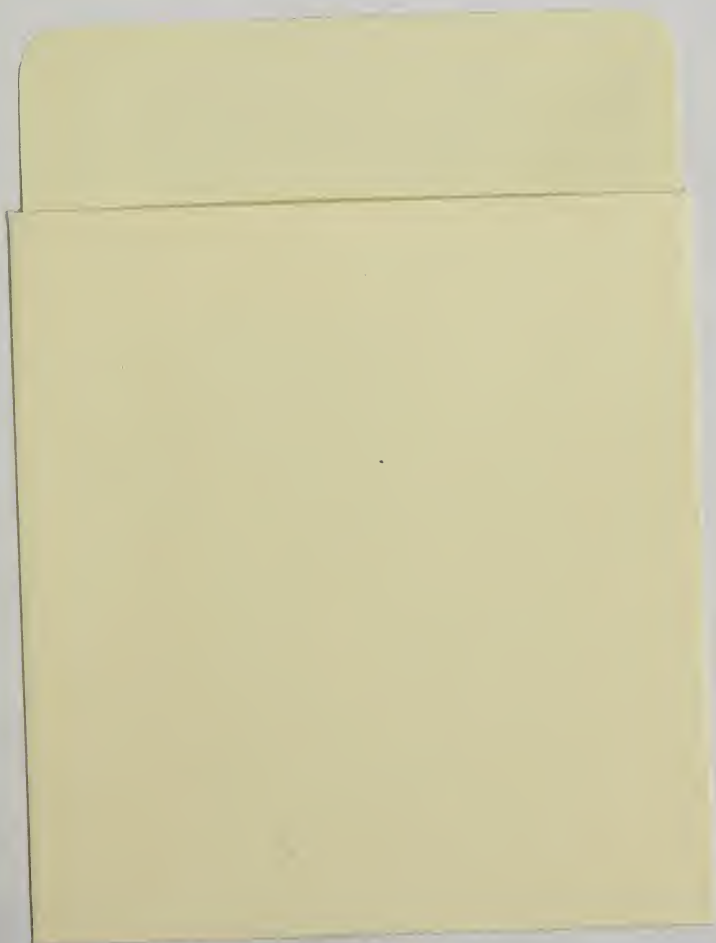
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